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1. WESTERN FIVE TALKS WITH SWAPO--

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUG. 8-11 TALKS IN NEW YORK,

THE WESTERN FIVE AND SWAPO APPROVED A NON-PAPER SUMMARIZING THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY BOTH PARTIES, WHICH IS IN EFFECT A FAIRLY COMPREHENSIVE RECORD OF THE TALKS. THEY ALSO AGREED TO ISSUE TO THE PRESS SEPARATELY A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THEIR TALKS WHICH STATED THAT THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THERE EXIST POSSIBILITIES FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385. SOME ISSUES REMAIN TO BE CLARIFIED, AND THE PARTICIPANTS, THEREFORE, AGREED TO MEET AGAIN AT AN EARLY CONVENIENT DATE. SWAPO APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND WESTERN FIVE CONCERN THAT PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS WOULD ONLY SERVE TO INHIBIT PROGRESS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS. FINAL SESSION CONCLUDED WITH MUTUAL EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS AND HOPE FOR FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA. IT WAS, LIKE PREVIOUS SESSIONS, BUSINESSLIKE, BUT REFLECTED SOME WARMING UP ON THE PART OF THE SWAPO DELEGATION. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 2566, 2567, 2568, 2570)

2. COMMITTEE OF 24 AND US VIRGIN ISLANDS--

AMB VUNIBOBO (FIJI), CHAIRMAN OF UN COMMITTEE OF 24 VISITING MISSION TO THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS, HAS REQUESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE CONSIDERATION OF THE MISSION'S REPORT ON SEPT. 12 OR A DAY OR TWO LATER. CONFIDENTIAL

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HE TOLD AMB LEONARD HE HAS INSTRUCTED THE SECRETARIAT TO DELAY ACTION ON REPRODUCTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT UNTIL US COMMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED BY THE VISITING MISSION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 2569)

3. ISRAELI CONCERN MOUNTS OVER LAGOS CONFERENCE--

ISRAELI PERM REP HERZOG CALLED AMB LEONARD TO REITERATE HIS MOUNTING CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE ANTI-ISRAELI ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT TRANSPIRE AT THE LAGOS WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID. HE REVIEWED DISCOMFORTING DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE, AND HE PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE ALLEGATION OF ISRAELI COLLABORATION ON NUCLEAR FIELDS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH, HE SAID, WAS JUST MISINFORMATION. HIS INCLINATION IS NOT TO ATTEND, BUT HE SOUTH US EVALUATION OF PROSPECTS THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL NOT DWELL ON ANTI-ISRAELI DEVELOPMENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL--USUN 2565)

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4. LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE --

THE UN ANNOUNCED THAT THUS FAR 69 STATES HAVE
INDICATED THEY WILL SEND DELEGATIONS TO THE WORLD
CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID TO BE HELD IN
LAGOS. FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO WILL ATTEND, IN ADDITION
TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY LISTED, ARE FROM BELGIUM, BOTSWANA,
CUBA, GUYANA, HAITI AND INDONESIA. THE SIX-MEMBER PLO
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DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
KADDOUMI AND PLO UN OBSERVER TERZI.

5. COMMITTEE ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES --

THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS GENERAL DEBATE AUG. 11 WITH STATEMENTS BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF EGYPT, LIBYA, GUINEA, IRAN AND THE US, BRINGING TO 25 THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS IN THE DEBATE. CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN (NIGERIA) ANNOUNCED THAT BELYAEV (BYELORUSSIA) HAD BEEN CHOSEN BY CONSENSUS AS RAPPORTEUR. AT THE REQUEST OF THE AFRICAN GROUP, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD PREPARE A SUMMARY LIST OF THE PROPOSALS MADE BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS DURING THE DEBATE.

DURING DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATION OF WORK, AFRICANS ARGUED FOR DEFINING WORD "HOSTAGE" BEFORE PROCEEDING TO ANY OTHER WORK. THE UK UNDERSTOOD THE COMMITTEE SHOULD EXAMINE WRITTEN PROPOSALS. US (ROSENSTOCK) STATED DEBATE MUST BE INITIATED IN A "STRUCTURED AND REASONABLE" MANNER, WHICH MEANT TAKING UP PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION; MATTERS OF SCOPE AND DEFINITION WOULD OF COURSE BE EXAMINED IN THE COURSE OF THAT CONSIDERATION. TANZANIA ARGUED THAT THE FRG DRAFT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ONLY AS ONE AMONG MANY, AND THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED CONSULTATIONS AND THAT THE COMMITTEE RECONVENE LATE IN THE AFTERNOON.

IN THE GENERAL DEBATE, EGYPT, LIBYA AND GUINEA STRESSED THAT MOTIVES FOR THE ACT OF HOSTAGE-TAKING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. BADAWI (EGYPT) STATED TERMS OF REFERENCE MUST INCLUDE ALL PREVIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE THAT RELATED TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE RIGHTS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. A HOSTAGE WAS

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ORDINARILY DEFINED AS SOMEONE UNCONNECTED TO THE EPISODE THAT OCCASIONED HIS SEIZURE, AND THAT DEFINITION WAS AGREEABLE TO EGYPT.

OMAR (LIBYA) DEFENDED PEOPLE STRUGGLING AGAINST RACIST AND IMPERIALIST REGIMES; CALLED FOR A PRECISE DEFINITION OF HOSTAGE TAKING; AND SAID NATIONAL INTEGRITY MUST BE ENSURED AND SPEEDY RELEASE OF HOSTAGES ASSURED, BUT ACTION TOWARD THE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE NATION IN WHOSE TERRITORY THE OFFENSE OCCURRED, WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. CAMARA (GUINEA) "MOST ENERGETICALLY" CONDEMNED TAKING OF HOSTAGES, BUT SAW IT AS LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE OF COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM AND APARTHEID. HE FEARED CERTAIN COUNTRIES MIGHT USE "SUBTLE MANEUVERS" TO DRAFT A CONVENTION TO BLOCK MOVEMENTS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION.

ROSENSTOCK SAID USDEL AGREED THAT AMBIGUITY MUST BE AVOIDED IN THE DRAFTING OF A CONVENTION AND POINTED OUT THERE WERE PRECEDENTS TO GUIDE THE COMMITTEE. THE CONDUCT OR MISCONDUCT OF STATES WAS NOT THE PROBLEM BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, HE ADDED. BEVAND (IRAN) CONSIDERED THE FRG DRAFT CONVENTION A WORTHY EFFORT BUT HE HAD SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS. IT MUST BE ELABORATED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PREVENT MISUSE "FOR CERTAIN PAROCHIAL OBJECTIVES"; IT SHOULD NOT HAVE "AN IMPAIRING EFFECT" ON THE MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE STRUGGLING FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION, AND THERE MUST BE SAFEGUARDS OF THE LEGAL PROCESS AND GUARANTEES OF FAIR TREATMENT OF ALLEGED OFFENDERS.

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